

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 848 – HB 1152**

February 13, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes that a child-placing agency is not required to provide or facilitate adoption services that conflict with or are under circumstances that conflict with the agency's sincerely held religious beliefs. Prohibits adverse action by an agency of state or local government against a child-placing agency for declining to provide services that conflict with or are under circumstances that conflict with the agency's sincerely held religious beliefs. Requires the child-placing agency's sincerely held religious beliefs be contained in a publicly available written policy, statement of faith, or other document that is adhered to by the child-placing agency.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- Any change in caseloads of the courts is not anticipated to be significant.
- Authorizing a child-placing agency to refuse to provide adoption services that conflict with or are under circumstances that conflict with the agency's sincerely held religious beliefs will have no significant impact on state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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